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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: NANOPARTICLES FOR ORAL ADMINISTRATION OF
PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS OF LOW SOLUBILITY

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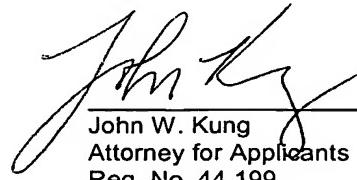
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of March 7, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on June 7, 2006. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$120 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,



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